जा रहा है । इनका राज्यवार ब्यौरा निम्न है :—

1. बिहार	161
2. पश्चिम बंगाल	110
3. मध्य प्रदेश	111
4. महाराष्ट्र	37
5. उड़ीसा	21
6. असम	5
7. उत्तर प्रदेश	4
जोड़	449

इसके अलावा, सिंगरेनी कोलियरीज कंपनी लि० (आंध्र प्रदेश सरकार के प्रशासनिक नियंत्रणाधीन) आंध्र प्रदेश राज्य में 65 खानें चला रही हैं ।

(ख) को.इं.लि. में कुल 449 खानों में से 350 खानें वर्तमान में घाटे में चल रही हैं ।

(ग) इन खानों के घाटे में चलने के मुख्य कारण निम्नलिखित हैं :—

(1) देश के पूर्वी क्षेत्र में विद्युत की लगातार कमी जिसमें सामान्य कोयला उत्पादन के क्रियाकलापों में विस्तृत रुप से रुकावट आती है जिसके परिणामस्वरूप कोयला उत्पादन प्रभावित होता है ।

(2) अनेक कोयला उत्पादन खानें अत्याधिक पुरानी हैं जहांकि कोयला भंडार भी लगभग समाप्त हो गए हैं जिससे वहां कोयले के उत्पादन में कठिनाई होती है ।

(3) भूमिगत खानों में श्रमिकों की चंचलता होती है, अत: उनका प्रतिव्यक्ति प्रतिपाली उत्पादन कम है ।

(4) अनेक भूमिगत खानों में भू-गर्भीय अड़चनें आती रहती हैं जिससे सामान्य खनन क्रियाकलापों में कठिनाई होती है ।

(5) भूमि की अनुपलब्धता से वर्तमान ओपेनकास्ट उत्खनन का विस्तार नहीं हो पाता है और साथ ही नई ओपेनकास्ट तथा भूमिगत खानें भी खोली जा सकती हैं ।

(घ) अद्यतन उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार वर्ष 1991–92 के दौरान कोयले का उत्पादन निम्नालिखित रूप में हुआ :—

उत्पादनकर्ता	उत्पादन (मिलियन टन में)
को.इं.लि.	204.14
सि.को.कं.लि.	20.58
अन्य	4.56
जोड़	229.28

(ङ) सरकार को इन घाटे में चलने वाली खानों को बंद किए जाने के संबंध में कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है । अत: वर्तमान में किसी श्रमिक के बेरोजगार हो जाने का प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

Arrears due to Maharashtra State Electricity Board

2328. DR. SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of arrears due on the Maharashtra State Electricity Board an account of the sale of Coal as on 1st March, 1993.

(b) what steps are being taken in order to recover the said arrears;

(c) whether any dispute on a part of such arrears exists between the parties; and

(d) if so what is the disputed amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHR AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (d) The total outstanding dues to Co-

India Ltd. (CIL) from Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) for coal supplied, as on 20th February, 1993 were Rs. 304.65 crores. Out of Rs. 171.58 crores were disputed. The disputed accounts were mainly on account of enroute shortages and quality problems.

Following steps are being taken by CIL/Governments to recover these dues;

(i) The Government of India have already decided to adjust all undisputed coal sales outstandings as on 31-5-1990 against the Central Assistance to State plan payable to concerned State Governments.

(ii) Ministry of Coal has advised CIL to start supplying coal to power houses only against the advance payments.

(iii) Recently Ministry of Coal has requested Chairman, MSEB to clear outstanding dues of CIL.

Coal companies are also holding discussions with the Maharashtra State Electricity Board to narrow down the disputes over outstanding dues.

Vacant Post of Director (Marketing) in CIL,

2329. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Coal India Ltd. the post of one Director (Marketing) is lying vacant for the last several years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken to fill the post?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA); (a) No, Sir. There is no post of Director (Marketing) sanctioned on the Board of Directors Of the Coal India Limited.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Role of CIL in privatisatiin of coal sector

2330. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiaries have been incurring losses, if so, the total losses incurred so far;

(b) what modalities have been finalised so far for privatisation of coal sector;

(c) what would be the role of CIL and its subsidiaries in the circum stances; and

(d) whether after privatisation, country's requirement would be ful filled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) As a holding company, Coal India Limited (CIL) together with its subsidiaries has been incurring losses since inception, execpt for the years 1981.82, 1989-90 and 1991-92; The cumulative losses of CIL as at the end of 1991-92 are Rs. 2353.99 crores.

(b) There is no move to privatise Coal India Limited, which is in public sector. However, a Bill to amend the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act. 1973 has been introduced in the Parliament to provide for mining of coal by private sector for the purpose of captive consumption for power generation, washery operation and other end uses to be notified.

(c) CIL and its subsidiaries even after amenmdment of the Act would